

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed February 28, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and, in view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Summary

Claims 14-23 are currently pending in the application, with claim 14 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1-13 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. Office Action Summary

The following claim objections and rejections are submitted by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action:

- Claim 1 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite;
- Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,143,193 to Geraci; and
- Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,006,946 to Williams, et al.

In addition, the Office Action indicates that claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 10-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent claim format and amended to overcome the objection under §112.

III. Discussion of Claims

Independent claim 14 substantially combines the recitation of cancelled claims 1 and 2. In addition, independent claim 14 includes additional recitation of the taking-out position and the carrying-out position to overcome the objection to claim 1 under §112. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 14 is allowable and claims 15-23 should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in a condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests, therefore, that the rejections be withdrawn and that this application now be allowed.

This Amendment is being timely filed by facsimile transmission on April 25, 2006. Should additional fees or an extension of time be deemed necessary for consideration of this Amendment, such fees or extension are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for payment. If anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned representative at (503) 425-6800.

Respectfully submitted,

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